

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring an image handling device communicatively coupled to ~~a network~~ the Internet, comprising:

obtaining, by a first monitoring ~~device~~ computer over the ~~network~~ Internet, device information of the image handling device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the image handling device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

storing, by the first monitoring ~~device~~ computer, the obtained device information;

processing the stored device information by the first monitoring ~~device~~ computer to generate a period usage report for the image handling device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

transmitting the usage report over the ~~network-Internet~~ from the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ to a second monitoring ~~device~~ computer; and

receiving the usage report by the second monitoring ~~device~~ computer,

wherein the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ is remote from the image handling device, and the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ is the first ~~device~~ computer to obtain the device information from the image handling device.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises:

transmitting the usage report to the second monitoring ~~device-computer~~ at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the image handling device is a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over the predetermined period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring an image handling device communicatively coupled to ~~a network~~ the Internet, comprising:

means for obtaining, by a first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ over the ~~network~~ Internet, device information of the image handling device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the image handling device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

means for storing, by the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~, the obtained device information;

means for processing the stored device information by the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ to generate a period usage report for the image handling device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

means for transmitting the usage report over the ~~network~~ Internet from the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ to a second monitoring ~~device-computer~~ ; and

means for receiving the usage report by the second monitoring ~~device-computer~~,  
wherein the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ is remote from the image handling device, and the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ is the first ~~device-computer~~ to obtain the device information from the image handling device.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for transmitting comprises:

means for transmitting the usage report to the second monitoring ~~device~~computer at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for generating a usage report for a copier, the usage report including a number of copies made by the copier over the predetermined period.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer usable medium for monitoring an image handling device communicatively coupled to ~~a network~~ the Internet, comprising:

instructions for obtaining, by a first monitoring ~~device~~computer over the ~~network~~ Internet, device information of the image handling device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the image handling device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

instructions for storing, by the first monitoring ~~device~~computer , the obtained device information;

instructions for processing by the first monitoring ~~device~~computer the stored device information to generate a period usage report for the image handling device, wherein the

period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

instructions for transmitting the usage report over the ~~network~~-Internet from the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ to a second monitoring ~~device-computer~~; and

instructions for receiving the usage report by the second monitoring ~~device-computer~~, wherein the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ is remote from the image handling device, and the first monitoring ~~device-computer~~ is the first ~~device-computer~~ to obtain the device information from the image handling device.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for transmitting comprise:

instructions for transmitting the usage report to the second monitoring ~~device~~ computer at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the image handling device is a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over the predetermined period.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising:  
instructions for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises:

processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the processing step comprises:

processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the second monitoring computer and the image handling device are arranged in a same local area network.